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In re:

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY IN PROCEEDINGS UNDER CHAPTER 13 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE

ATIYA K. LAMPTEY

CASE NO.: 17-34307-CMG

Debtor.

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR STAY RELIEF

HEARING DATE: July 15, 2020 HEARING TIME: 9:00 AM

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#### TO: THOSE LISTED ON ANNEXED SERVICE LIST

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on the 15th day of July 2020 at 9:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, the undersigned attorneys for Creditor, Mountainview at Green Brook Condominium Association, Inc., (the "Association"), by and through its counsel, McGovern Legal Services, LLC, will move before the Honorable Christine M. Gravelle, U.S.B.J. at the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey, located at 402 East State Street, Trenton, NJ 08608, Courtroom 3 for an Order:

Terminating the automatic stay with respect to the Association so that the Association may, among other things, pursue its rights with respect to the Debtor's real property to the extent and in the manner provided by any applicable Association Governing Documents, contract documents and non-bankruptcy law despite the pendency of this proceeding.

**Property:** Debtor's Real Property including, but not limited to:

174 Scobee Lane Somerset, New Jersey 08873

This motion is based upon the annexed brief, certifications and exhibits thereto, oral argument of counsel (if opposed), testimony and such other evidence as may be adduced at the time of the hearing (if opposed).

Oral argument is waived unless opposition is timely filed.

A Proposed form of Order is submitted herewith.

McGOVERN LEGAL SERVICES, LLC,

Attorneys for Movant

Dated: 6 15 20

WILLIAM H. BROSHA, ESQ.

An Attorney of the Firm

## **CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE**

I, William H. Brosha, do certify that a true copy of the Motion for Stay Relief was served upon those individuals and/or entities listed on the attached service list via electronic service on the dates listed below.

Dated:

BY: \_\_\_\_\_\_ WILLIAM H. BROSHA, ESQ.

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CREDITOR'S CERTIFICATION OF DEFAULT

## I, Matthew Carter, of full age, certify and say:

- I am the Property Manager for Creditor, Quailbrook East Homeowners Association,
  Inc. (the "Association"), and, as such, I have knowledge of the amount due the
  Association from the Debtor. I am authorized to make this Certification and do so
  based upon my personal knowledge and review of the books and records of the
  Association.
- Atiya K. Lamptey (the "Debtor") owns real property in the Association commonly known as 174 Scobee Lane, Somerset, New Jersey 08873 (the "Unit").
- 3. The Debtor has not paid all post-petition monthly assessments, late fees, fines or attorneys' fees related to this default since filing bankruptcy. Attached hereto is a true and accurate copy of the Debtor's post-petition account history.

The post-petition sum being sought in this application is detailed below:

Maintenance Fees (1/1/18 -6/4/20):

\$6,640.00

Late Fees (3/1/19 - 6/4/20):

\$300.00

Fines (11/2/19 and 1/9/20)

\$50.00

Legal (only work related to post-petition

Default 3/4/20 - 6/4/20)

\$748.50

Credits

<u>-\$6,180.50</u>

Total:

\$1,558.00

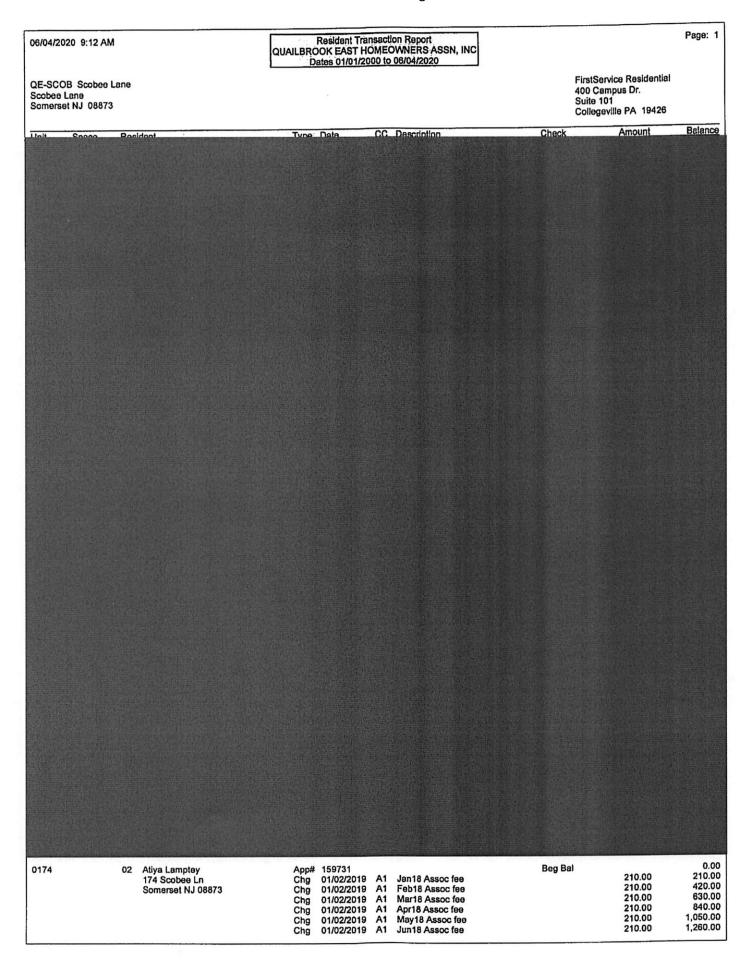
4. This certification is being made in an effort to vacate the stay.

5. I certify the above facts to be true. I am aware that if the above facts are willfully

false, I am subject to punishment.

Dated: 6/9/20

Matthew Carter, Property Manager



Page: 2 Resident Transaction Report QUAILBROOK EAST HOMEOWNERS ASSN, INC Dates 01/01/2000 to 06/04/2020 08/04/2020 9:12 AM FirstService Residential QE-SCOB Scobee Lane 400 Campus Dr. Scobee Lane Somerset NJ 08873 Suite 101 Collegeville PA 19426 Balance Description Chack Amoun Unit Resident Type Date CC Space 1,470.00 Chg 01/02/2019 A1 Jul18 Assoc fee 210.00 1,680.00 Chg 01/02/2019 Aug18 Assoc fee 210.00 1,890.00 Chg 01/02/2019 Sep18 Assoc fee 210.00 2,100.00 210.00 Chg 01/02/2019 A1 Oct18 Assoc fee 2,310.00 210.00 01/02/2019 Nov18 Assec fee Chg 2,335.00 25.00 Chg 01/02/2019 LC Nov18 Late fees 210.00 2,545.00 01/02/2019 Dec18 Assoc fee Chg 2,570.00 LC 25.00 01/02/2019 Dec18 Late fees Chg 210.00 2,780.00 01/02/2019 Jan19 Assoc fee Chg 2,570.00 -210.00 01/02/2019 16860284 Pay Trf from 01 account 17764060 2,360.00 -210.00 Pay 01/02/2019 Trf from 01 account 2,150.00 -210.0D 01/02/2019 Tri from 01 account 18889951 Pay 1,940.00 -210.00 01/02/2019 20234843 Pay Trf from 01 account 1,715.00 01/02/2019 -225.00 Trf from 01 account 21514878 Pay 1,500.00 -215.00 01/02/2019 Trf from 01 account 23232517 Pay -860.00 640.00 01/02/2019 Trf from 01 account 27973148 Pay -415.00 225.00 Pay 01/02/2019 Trf from 01 account 30235304 587.45 -812.45 01/17/2019 **PMT** 23284278 Pay 225.00 812.45 01/22/2019 Trf to 01 account 23284278 200.00 -25.00 01/23/2019 LC Waive late fee 230.00 430.00 02/01/2019 Assoc. Fees-Monthly Chg 405.00 -25.00 02/01/2019 LC Late fee 230.00 32804025 -175.00 02/04/2019 **ACH Payment** Pay 355.00 125.00 LE DEC18 LGL 126423 Chg 02/05/2019 -510.75 -155.75 2388275 Pay 02/11/2019 **PMT** DEC18 LGL 128423 -125.00 -280.75 LE Cr 02/22/2019 230.00 510.75 2388275 02/22/2019 trf to 01 480.00 230.00 Chg 03/01/2019 Assoc. Fees-Monthly 230.00 -230.00 ACH Payment 34991542 Pay 03/12/2019 25.00 255.00 Chg 03/15/2019 LATE FÉES 25.00 -230.00 **ACH Payment** 35410450 Pay 03/29/2019 255.00 230.00 Chg 04/01/2019 Assoc. Fees-Monthly 194.98 PMT 2300270 -60.02 Pay 04/10/2019 25.00 219.98 LC **LATE FEES** Chg 04/15/2019 230.00 449.98 Assoc. Fees-Monthly LATE FEES Chg 05/01/2019 474.98 25.00 05/15/2019 LC Chg 244.98 -230.00 38377795 **ACH Payment** Pay 05/15/2019 474.98 230.00 Assoc. Fees-Monthly Chg 08/01/2019 MAR19 LGL 130407 50.00 524.98 Chg 08/04/2019 LE 14.23 -610.75 **PMT** 2394450 08/14/2019 Pay -35.77 ADJ MAR19 130407 -50.00 08/20/2019 le 474.98 510.75 TRF TO 01 2394450 08/20/2019 704.98 230.00 Assoc. Fees-Monthly 07/01/2019 Cha LATE FEES 25,00 729.98 07/15/2019 LC Chg 959.98 230.00 Chg 08/01/2019 A1 Assoc. Fees-Monthly 984.98 LATE FEES 25.00 LC Chg 08/15/2019 1,214.98 230.00 Chg 09/01/2019 A1 Assoc. Fees-Monthly 0.00 44777780 -1,214.98 Pay 09/08/2019 **ACH Payment** 230.00 230.00 10/01/2019 Assoc. Fees-Monthly Chg 255.00 LATE FEES 25.00 LC Chg 10/15/2019 485.00 230.00 A1 Assoc. Fees-Monthly Chg 11/01/2019 242.00 48982175 -243.00 ACH Payment Pay 11/12/2019 25.00 287.00 LATE FÉES Chg 11/15/2019 25.00 292.00 VF Illegal Parking Fine Chg 11/25/2019 230.00 522.00 Assoc. Fees-Monthly ACH Payment Chg 12/01/2019 A1 272.00 -250.00 49554893 Pay 12/02/2019 297.00 25.00 LATE FÉES Chg 12/18/2019 527.00 230.00 01/01/2020 Assoc. Fees-Monthly Chg 552.00 25.00 Chg Parking Fine 01/09/2020 577.00 25.00 LATE FEES Chg 01/15/2020 288.00 -289.00 **ACH Payment** 53718808 Pay 01/28/2020 518.00 230.00 Chg 02/01/2020 Assoc. Fees-Monthly 25.00 543.00 02/18/2020 LC **LATE FEES** Chg 33.35 2408752 -509.65 **PMT** Pay 02/18/2020 283.35 230.00 Assoc. Fees-Monthly Chg 03/01/2020 Tmf To QESCOB017401 773.00 509.65 2408752 Tr 03/04/2020 509.65 ACH Payment 57048588 263.35 Pay 03/05/2020 569.67 2300270 60.02 trf to 01 03/05/2020 Tr 799.67 230.00 Assoc. Fees-Monthly 04/01/2020 Cha 824.67 LATE FEES 25.00 LC 04/15/2020 Chg 574.67 -250.00 Credit Card Pmt 60047076 04/20/2020 Pay 615.17 40.50 Chp 04/23/2020 Mar20 Legal 145547 Assoc, Fees-Monthly LATE FEES 230.00 845.17 05/01/2020 Chg 25.00 870.17 LC Chg 05/15/2020 230.00 1,100.17 Assoc. Fees-Monthly 08/01/2020 A1 Chg -250.17 850.00 63153208 **ACH Payment** Pay 08/02/2020

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In re:

**BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR** 

**STAY RELIEF** 

HEARING DATE: July 15, 2020 HEARING TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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## **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

McGovern Legal Services, LLC represents Quailbrook East Homeowners Association, Inc. (the "Association") in the above-captioned matter. Atiya K. Lamptey (the "Debtor") owns real property within the Association commonly known as 174 Scobee Lane, Somerset, New Jersey 08873 (the "Unit"). Since filing her Chapter 13 Bankruptcy Petition, the Debtor has failed to pay all of her required monthly assessments and fees. The Debtor owes the Association \$1,558.00 in post-petition arrearages in monthly maintenance assessments, late fees and attorney's fees and costs related to this default through June 4, 2020.

#### STATEMENT OF RELIEF REQUESTED

The Association requests that this Court grant the Association relief from the automatic stay.

## **LEGAL ARGUMENT**

# I. The Association's Motion For Stay Relief Should Be Granted Because Debtor Has Failed To Remit Post-Petition Payments To The Association.

The debt owed to the Association is so unique and important that in many cases, it is deemed non-dischargeable. See, 11 <u>U.S.C.A.</u> § 523(a)(16). The Association is a non-profit corporation that operates the common property. Its only source of income is payment by each homeowner of their proportionate share of the Association's expenses. If a homeowner does not pay, either the Association does not have the funds necessary to maintain the common property or the other homeowners in the community must pay the shortfall caused by the delinquency.

In order to facilitate the peaceful and harmonious coexistence of its homeowners, all residents of the Association are also required to adhere to certain rules, regulations and obligations, which are described in the Governing Documents. The Association is empowered, through its Governing Documents and the New Jersey Condominium Act, N.J.S.A. §46:8B-15(f) to require unit owners to pay monthly maintenance assessments, special assessments, late fees, fines and attorneys' fees associated with collections.

Despite demand, the Debtor has failed to make common expense payments to the Association as required by the terms of the By-Laws and Master Deed. Pursuant to 11 <u>U.S.C.A.</u> §362(d) the Court shall grant relief from the automatic stay for cause. Here, the Debtor has failed to remit required post-petition payments to the Association. Section 523(a)(16) provides that an individual debtor is not discharged for "a fee or assessment that becomes due and payable after the order for relief to a membership association with respect to the debtor's interest in a unit that has condominium ownership." Debtor holds title to a unit that has condominium ownership. Therefore, the Debtor is obligated to pay the Association these post-petition accruals. The Debtor has not paid these post-petition accruals and therefore has violated the

Bankruptcy Code.

It is highly prejudicial for the Debtor to own a unit in the Association without paying the required, commonly monthly payments. It is highly prejudicial if the Debtor does not comply with the Governing Documents. The Debtor is abusing the Bankruptcy code at the Association's peril. Due to Debtor's non-payment of post-petition fees and assessments, the Association requests that the Court grant the Association's motion for relief from the automatic stay.

## II. The Association is entitled to Stay Relief.

The Association seeks relief from the automatic stay to pursue a foreclosure. Debtor's failure to pay post-petition accruals constitutes cause for stay relief. See, 11 <u>U.S.C.A.</u> § 362(d), 11 <u>U.S.C.A.</u> § 1301(d) and 11 <u>U.S.C.A.</u> § 105. Therefore, the Court should grant the Association stay relief so that it may pursue its foreclosure action despite this bankruptcy.

The continual accrual of post-petition sums without payment in full irreparably harms the Association and its members. As stated above, if a homeowner does not pay, either the Association does not have the funds necessary to maintain the common property or the other homeowners in the community must pay the shortfall caused by the delinquency. Dismissal of this case will not provide an adequate remedy or protection to the Association. Dismissal will effectively provide the Debtor with the opportunity to file another bankruptcy and obtain a new "order for relief" allowing Debtors to circumvent Bankruptcy Code Section 523(a)(16). Such action is not appropriate. It irreparably harms the Association and denies the Association adequate protection. Therefore, the Association requests that the Court grant the Association stay relief.

# **CONCLUSION**

Due to Debtor's failure to pay post-petition fee accruals, the Association requests that this Court grant the Association relief from the automatic stay to pursue foreclosure of real property in the Association.

McGOVERN LEGAL SERVICES, LLC,

Attorneys for Movant

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Dated: 6 15 20

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# **ORDER VACATING STAY**

The relief set forth on the following page is hereby **ORDERED**.

Upon the motion of <u>Quailbrook East Homeowners Association, Inc.</u>, under Bankruptcy Code section 362(a) for relief from the automatic stay as to certain property as hereinafter set forth, and for cause shown, it is

ORDERED that the automatic stay is vacated to permit the movant to institute or resume and prosecute to conclusion one or more actions in the court(s) of appropriate jurisdiction to pursue the movant's rights in the following:

Real property more fully described as:

174 Scobee Lane Somerset, New Jersey 08873

Personal property more fully described as:

The Association may suspend membership rights and privileges

It is further ORDERED that the movant may join the debtor and any trustee appointed in this case as defendants in its action(s) irrespective of any conversion to any other chapter of the Bankruptcy Code.

The movant shall serve this order on the debtor, any trustee and any other party who entered an appearance on the motion.

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Albert Russo Standing Chapter 13 Trustee CN 4853 Trenton, NJ 08650-4853	Trustee	☐ Hand-delivered  ☐ Regular mail ☐ Certified mail/RR ☐ E-mail ☐ Notice of Electronic Filing (NEF) ☐ Other ☐ (as authorized by the court *)
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